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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Honorable Sir:

The following comments and amendments are made in response to the final Office Action mailed on January 29, 2007, in respect of the above-entitled application for patent. Entry of this Reply and Amendment is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims based on art. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and in response to the subject Office Action, Applicants herein amend each of the pending independent claims to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, should an appeal be sought.

Remarks are also provided.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this after-final amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and reconsideration of the application for patent.